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CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS & NOTES

Notes from the President

By Lisa Patterson-Troike

2014 Membership Drive

Our 2014 DCA membership drive has been a great success! If you sign up for our new “Acorn” membership level, you have THE choice of a bottle of Sugarloaf Mountain wine with an exclusive DCA label or a “Darne’ Good Cookbook” delivered to you in person by a member of the Board. I’ve enjoyed taking part in the deliveries and am honored to meet our wonderful residents. Have you sent in your 2014 dues? If not, use the membership form in this Acorn.

Spring Social

The annual DCA Spring Social is set for Wednesday May 7th, 2014 at Smokey Glen Farm (SGF) from 6-8 pm. For over 50 years, Smokey Glen has been providing a unique and one of a kind venue for special events. For only \$16/adult and \$10/child, there will be SGF’s world famous BBQ buffet with chicken, ribs, potato salad, pasta salad, garden salad, baked beans, bread, smoked pies, drinks, and more. Come and spend a spring evening right here in Darnestown with family and friends. Be sure to fill out the RSVP in this *Little Acorn* (Page 9).

March Town Meeting

The DCA has two speakers who will be presenting at our Town Meeting on Thursday, March 20th at 7:30 pm. Eileen Emmet, Montgomery Parks Project Manager, will speak about the Seneca (Poole’s) Store Rehabilitation Project.

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**See page 9**  
**for details and RSVP**

*Next DCA Town Meeting*

**March 20<sup>th</sup> | 7:30 pm**

**Darnestown Presbyterian  
Church**

Route 28 at Turkey Foot Road

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## ATTENTION Bridge Players



*We are a group of ladies in Darnestown who play bridge on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. It is a very informal group, low intensity, and definitely not duplicate bridge. Over the years our list of subs has grown short. We often need someone to play for a missing "regular", almost monthly. If you are interested in being a substitute, please contact Karen Hazzard at 301-869-4258. It is a great way to hone those bridge skills you might not have used since college in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.*

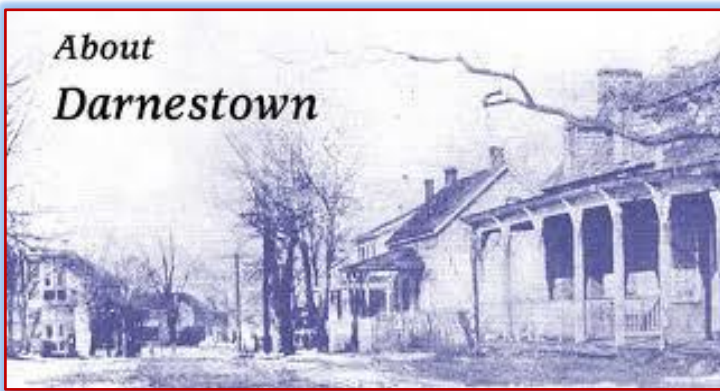
*There is also a group of couples who play "party bridge" the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. They are also looking for couples to be on their sub list.*

*Interested couples should contact*

**Kathy Kluk**  
**301-977-3356**



Feel free to  
contact the DCA  
with your ideas  
and inquires!



Route 28, Darnestown looking west; late 1880's  
Courtesy Montgomery Historical Society

*Several years ago, The Little Acorn was honored to run a series of informational articles detailing the history of our charming town. It's always enlightening to revisit our past, and with new neighbors arriving every year, we thought that this would be a great time to run our historical series again. Enjoy!*

## **The History of Darnestown**

### **Part One**



The Darnestown area, which is centered at the intersection of Darnestown and Seneca Roads, was settled in the 1750's. Darnestown Road (or Route 28) was an old Indian trail and is recognized as one of the oldest roads in Montgomery County, Maryland. William Darne of Virginia, married Elizabeth Gassaway, the daughter of a wealthy landowner. They settled at the intersection of Darnestown and Seneca Roads and established an inn and a tavern. The Darne family owned a large amount of land, was wealthy and very well-respected. In 1812, the area was named Darnestown in their honor. By the 1820's, the town began to blossom, and hosted a wheelwright, grist mill, a blacksmith, a physician, a post office, and a variety of other businesses. The stagecoach passed through the area from Georgetown to the river at Poolesville.

In 1855, the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, which is located at the corner of Turkey Foot and Darnestown Roads, was founded by the generous donation of three acres of land by John Dufief.

The church was constructed of stone that was hauled from the local quarry by the men of the congregation. The completed church was dedicated on May 22, 1858. The church was renovated in 1897 and then again in 1953. The stained glass windows are memorials to the Tschiffely, Gassaway, and Nourse families – some of the original members of the church.

In 1861, the Federal leadership realized that Darnestown was the natural place from which Washington, DC could (and needed to) be defended. There were 18,000 Union troops placed in Darnestown, owing to the relatively shallow Potomac River depth nearby. During the 1870's through 1900, Darnestown was a thriving business hub due to its trade linked to the C&O Canal. Darnestown became an important place for commerce in the area. Seneca Road led to a stone mill and the canal at Seneca Village (near present Old River Road). From Darnestown one could travel either by stagecoach along Darnestown Road or board a "packet boat" on the canal at Seneca.

After the Civil War, Darnestown experienced an economic downturn due to the increased popularity of the railroad, which bypassed the area and obviated canal transport. The mill business decreased and some farmers tried their hand at tobacco farming. This proved to be unprofitable for most and many people left the area. It wasn't until World War II that Darnestown began to grow and prosper again. This was mainly due to the government hiring more employees and the push for an improved road system. Over 6,000 citizens live in the Darnestown area today.

### **SLAVERY**

Maryland's great variety in geography and population created a unique environment for slave flight. Individual county studies examine the unique features of each county, the strategies used by fleeing slaves, what aid or difficulties were available, and what sources were used in our study.



During the period 1830 – 1860, Maryland had the highest free black population of all the states. By 1860, the state's free blacks were the largest in the nation in terms of both rural and urban locales. Proportionally, Maryland's blacks ranked near the top as well. In antebellum Maryland, the enslaved population was concentrated in the southern counties: Prince Georges County, Charles County, St. Mary's County, Anne Arundel County, and Montgomery County.

By 1860, the approximately 46,000 slaves in the counties of southern Maryland outnumbered those found in all other regions of the state combined. However, the southern counties had a relatively small free black population. The central Maryland areas of Frederick County, Carroll County, Baltimore County, Harford County, Howard County, and Baltimore City had the largest free black populations by a wide margin. These counties held over 42,000 free blacks, which was more than the total found in the rest of the state. The central Maryland region is most intriguing, as it represented a crossroads of sorts. Baltimore County and Baltimore City were paradoxically both hubs for free blacks and bastions of slaveholding. In Central Maryland, the percentage of slaves as a proportion of the total black population decreased in the mid nineteenth-century. The free black population of the Central Maryland counties grew more quickly, but often the enslaved population decreased. With each passing year, the disparity between the two castes of blacks widened. However, friendship and kinship ties transcended social caste and bound all black Marylanders together.

## SENECA

Presumably, for thousands of years people moved about the Seneca area to fish, hunt, and camp along the Potomac River. Seneca Indians migrated from New York around 1600, planted maize, and established palisaded villages. The Algonquin and Piscataways (called "Conoys" by the Iroquois) lived near Seneca within a five-mile area along the Potomac River. Their fish weirs still dot the Potomac up by Mason and Harrison Islands.

A 1712 map calls Seneca Creek the "Riviere de Senecards." In the 1950's, local Roy Yinger wrote of finding remnants of an Indian village in a nearby cornfield, including pottery shards, arrowheads, a stone hoe, and broken tomahawks. He estimated that there were many burial sites in the area, untouched at that time.

The town of Seneca had a strange beginning. It was originally laid out in lots on the west bank of the creek by John Garrett. In 1787, he sold lottery tickets with the lots as prizes; however, it was not the success that he had envisioned. Not until the coming of industry and the C&O Canal, the Seneca Sandstone Company, and the Seneca mill did Seneca begin to flourish.

The Seneca area is well-known for its 400 acres of swampland donated to the State of Maryland including a 200-acre wild duck sanctuary. Just below Seneca is Beech Tree Island, once an outpost of Maryland's disappearing river otter population.

Seneca facilitates almost any outdoor activity. As the closest unpolluted boating area to Washington, the waters by Seneca are the only really navigable natural water on the upper Potomac. They are known for catfish, carp, bluegill, and bass. Boaters know that the river is over a half mile wide and never less than three feet deep at any point.

***Next: Riley's Lock, the Allnut House, and more on Seneca.***

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## Heritage Park Historian Speech

By Jamie F. Kuhns



When I was asked to speak at this event, it was with a caveat that I should address the historical elements of this new park. This project involved numerous individuals who collaborated to develop and design 9 interpretive panels that showcase the origins and evolution of Darnestown, explains how this particular community experienced the Civil War, and documents the existence of an unmarked cemetery at this very location. I could stand before you and give a brief account of these topics, but that would be the easy way out. Instead, we want you to take the time to read the panels in this beautiful new setting and really ponder what life was like here in the past.

As I began preparing for this speech, I looked at the calendar and realized that this special event fell on the weekend of Veteran's Day, which is of course celebrated tomorrow. If there are any Veterans in the audience, will you please stand. It is our duty and obligation to pay homage to the men and women who have bravely served when our nation called. I want to personally thank you for your service and sacrifice to our country; we all appreciate what you have done for us. Since we are currently celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War, it seems only appropriate that I'd talk about a veteran from Darnestown who witnessed that event firsthand and the changes he saw in this town as it entered the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1890, when the Federal Government took a special census to identify those remaining Civil War veterans still living in our country, there were only two men residing here in Darnestown. One of them was Charles H. NOURSE, who was raised in Seneca, in the southern portion of the county. According to the census enumerator, Nourse "*belonged to signal service during the Rebellion.*" In all actuality, Nourse enlisted in the Confederate Army, in the 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Virginia Cavalry, Company A, also known as White's Rebels. Even though our state ultimately sided with the Union, many Marylanders were sympathetic to the

Southern cause and this was true for Mr. Nourse and a substantial number of residents in Darnestown. Given the proximity of Montgomery County to the nation's capital, Federal troops had quite a presence in the area, with over 18,000 soldiers stationed near Darnestown. Incidentally, that high number included men who were connected to the Union Signal Corp, which played a critical role in military intelligence by relaying messages through the use of flags.

After the war, Nourse opted to not lead a military life, but instead pursued an equally valuable profession, that of medicine. Perhaps this choice was based on what he saw on the battlefield, where the presence of bacteria was more deadly than any bullet or bayonet. Disease, as local residents here understood all too well, took its toll of many young men who served here in Montgomery County, including the 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment who lost 15 men to measles and typhoid fever.

Still, the medical community made several significant advances during the Civil War, including better record keeping and encouraging the employment of women in the nursing field. These new discoveries were no doubt not lost on Charles, who after the conflict ended in 1865, endured a medical apprenticeship under Dr. Maddox in Rockville and completed his scientific studies at the Georgetown University Medical School. He eventually returned to Darnestown, where he succeeded Dr. Richard Beall as the town physician. In time, the roles would reverse, as Nourse became the teacher and his pupils were local youth, including Lemuel Offutt, a graduate of the Andrew Small Academy, an educational institution located in Darnestown. While Montgomery County offered a public education to all its citizens by 1872, regardless of race but with persisting inequities, the Andrew Small Academy as a college preparatory school gave students like Offutt an academic edge that was once reserved for only the truly elite.

Certainly because of his profession, Nourse held a higher status in this community. When he moved



to Darnestown in 1879, there were 200 citizens in this town – a significant increase from 1815 when this rural enclave became identified as “Darnestown” after its then largest landholder, William Darne. Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century residents here had amenities they depended on, such as the local post office, the hot spot for social interaction. Another important fixture in town was the Windsor Store, a mercantile business where anything from fabric to medication could be purchased. Surely, many of the consumer goods available here were brought in by way of the C and O Canal. By the time Dr. Nourse died in 1917, this form of water transportation had been eclipsed not only by the railroad but also by the advent of the automobile.

While much has changed about Darnestown over time, through its evolution one thing has remained persistent: the sense of community. While that bond between neighbors might have been tested during the Civil War, the impact of that very conflict forced residents, regardless of previous loyalties, to see themselves no longer by state or even regional identities, but for really the first time as Americans. Part of the healing process was learning to appreciate their past and use that history to forge into the present, and that is exactly what the folks of Darnestown, like Dr. Nourse, did and continue to do today. As you can see now at this park, your proud heritage is on display and it is due in large part by contributions made by your townspeople. Commission staff, including Heidi Sussman, Jim Sorensen, Susan Soderberg, Sarah Groesbeck, Don Housley, Lucas Bonney, Irven Harris, all of Facilities Management, Joey Lampl, and me, would not have been able to generate this product without your informed input and your continued guidance and for that, we thank you.



In closing, based on the local oral tradition and the scientific pursuit of archaeology, there is a real possibility that the cemetery at this site is where an unknown number of Union soldiers were finally laid to rest. Although the cemetery is unmarked, it is not forgotten. Given that conclusion, it seems only fitting that we end this ceremony with the powerful words President Abraham Lincoln spoke on November 13, 1863 at Gettysburg, “*We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.*”

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*The Montgomery Parks division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on Nov. 10 opened Darnestown Heritage Park, the newest of its system of 417 parks. The park is located along Route 28 and celebrates the history of the town through educational panels and interpretive sculptures by artist Cheryl Foster. The park features seating areas and plaza space to accommodate community gatherings and lunch outings. Among those at the dedication ceremonies, were, left to right: Mary Bradford, M-NCPPC’s director of parks; County Councilmembers Phil Andrews and Craig Rice; County Executive Isiah Leggett; Chris Collins and Lisa Patterson of the Darnestown Civic Association; Francoise Carrier, chair of the M-NCPPC Planning Board; Scott Mostrum of the Darnestown Civic Association; and Jamie Kuhns, historian of M-NCPPC. (Photo by Bob Thompson)*

## **Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club News**

By Janet Swisher



DSRC is a nonprofit, member-owned swim and racquet club. The club is located on Spring Meadows Drive about a mile west of Darnestown Road (Route 28).

DSRC improves year after year. Some of the changes you will see immediately when we open Memorial Day weekend include: additional lounge chairs, expanded Wi-Fi coverage, added variety to the snack bar menu and an updated, fresh ladies room.

**DSRC Summer Camp:** We welcome back Zina Harabatch, our adult camp director, for the 2nd season of the DSRC Summer Camp. The camp is available for members only Monday-Friday for the price of \$235 per camper for full day, 9:00-4:30, or \$120 per camper for half day 9:00-12:30. Campers, ranging from ages 6 to 12, will enjoy arts and crafts, games, swimming, tennis and many other exciting adventures. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Sign up now as the camp is going to fill up quickly! Contact Zina Harabatch at [dsrc.zina@gmail.com](mailto:dsrc.zina@gmail.com)  
**Follow us on FACEBOOK: DSRC Summer Camp.**

**Swim Team:** After several successful seasons as Swim Team Chairs, John Cohen and Bonnie Lippe are turning over the reins to Terry Brown and Christy Adelman. Head Coach Pat Tozzi returns to lead the Demons as we compete in MCSL's B Division.

**Tennis Team and Programs:** The DSRC tennis program offers something for every age and skill level. Our new and improved program will be inclusive and spirited, and it will include an extensive tennis experience for both children and adults. The DSRC Tennis Team will include fun and lively instructions for beginners through advanced young players. Our goal is to build a youth tennis program that will inspire and encourage your children to love a sport they will be able to play for the rest of their lives.

Additionally, the new tennis program will include instructional clinics and our ever popular tennis social events. Adult and junior programs begin at the end of April.

**Social:** Social Committee, led by Susan Vafa, continues to produce great events like the annual Darnestoberfest, which nearly 140 members and guests attended. See the list of the fun and exciting 2014 Social Events on our website [www.DSRCclub.com](http://www.DSRCclub.com). Each event is designed to promote new friendships and cultivate existing relationships. All members are encouraged to attend and invite guests to experience the club first hand. **Follow us on FACEBOOK: Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club Social Page** for all the latest social events and information.

### **TWO WAYS TO SAVE \$\$\$**

***REFER A FRIEND to become a DSRC member and YOU will receive a \$100.00 check.***

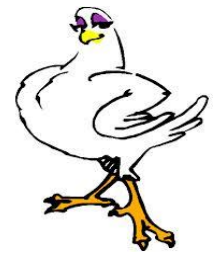
***The \$600 new member initiation fee will be waived for all incoming members until June 2014.***

**Membership:** We have a limited number of memberships available this season – so please let your friends and neighbors know about DSRC and what a great place it is to belong. Our “refer a friend” program pays you \$100 for every family that you refer. If you know people who are interested in joining DSRC, please have them contact Membership Chair, Bonnie Lane at [BonnieLane@yahoo.com](mailto:BonnieLane@yahoo.com)

DSRC looks forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - Opening Day for our Opening Day cookout and celebration.



## Homesteading Corner!



*The incredible, edible egg! Who remembers that television commercial from the 1990's? Whether we are creating delicious baked goods or making nutritious breakfasts for our families, most of us here in Darnestown use eggs in our weekly cuisines. But what can we do with the leftover shells? Here are a few ideas from **The Prairie Homestead**, a fabulously interesting resource for all kinds of old-fashioned homesteading ideas, that can easily be incorporated into our modern lives!*

**First Aid Treatment:** The membrane of the shell is reported to help promote healing in cuts and scratches and will act as a natural bandage. The membrane will also draw minor infections, splinters, pimples, boils, etc.

**Boil the eggshells in your coffee:** Apparently, people have been boiling eggshells in their coffee for centuries to help clarify the grounds and reduce bitterness.

**Sprinkle the eggshells around your garden to deter pests:** Soft-bodied critters like slugs or snails don't like crawling over sharp pieces of eggshell.

**Give your tomatoes a calcium boost:** Blossom-end rot is caused by a calcium deficiency in the plant. Experienced gardeners often place eggshells in the bottom of the hole when transplanting their tomato plants to help combat this problem.

**Use eggshells to start seedlings:** If homemade paper pots aren't your style, give some of your smaller seedlings a start in rinsed-out shells.

**Sow directly into the soil:** Simply turn crushed eggshells directly into your garden patch. It's still better than sending them to the garbage.

**Sidewalk chalk:** 5-8 eggshells (finely ground), 1 tsp hot water, 1 tsp flour, food coloring optional...mix and pack into toilet tissue rolls and let dry.

**Canine Remedy:** Save your eggshells and let them dry out. When you have a good size amount, crush them, and then use a coffee grinder and make them into a powder. If one of your dogs gets diarrhea, sprinkle a couple teaspoons of the eggshell powder on his food for a day and the diarrhea will go away.

**Make Calcium Citrate:** Make your own calcium citrate using only fresh farm raised, preferably organic, egg shells. Rinse residual egg out of the shells and air dry. Crush the shell and add 1 teaspoon of lemon juice per egg shell and cover. The lemon juice will dissolve the shell and there you have it... calcium citrate!

**Pan Scrubber:** Crushed egg shells work great to scrub pans that have food stuck in them. Yes they will break up, but they still do the job!

**Cosmetic Booster:** Make it into a powder and add a little bit to your nail polish to strengthen nails. Take that same powder and put it into ice cube trays with water and rub it on your face – it helps reduce the look of wrinkles. Put the powder in your lotion – it softens your hands.

**Add to Broth/Stocks:** For extra calcium and minerals.

**Wild Bird Treat:** You can also feed them to the birds. They're high in calcium and are great for birds in the spring when they are laying eggs – just make sure to sterilize them. Bake them in the oven for 20 minutes at 250 F and crush them.

**Laundry Whitener:** To help your whites not to turn gray, put a handful of clean, broken eggshells and 2 slices of lemon in a little cheesecloth bag with your clothes in the washer. It will prevent the soap deposit that turns the white clothes gray.

*For more great homesteading ideas, please visit:*  
[www.theprairiehomestead.com](http://www.theprairiehomestead.com)





# *Spring Social*

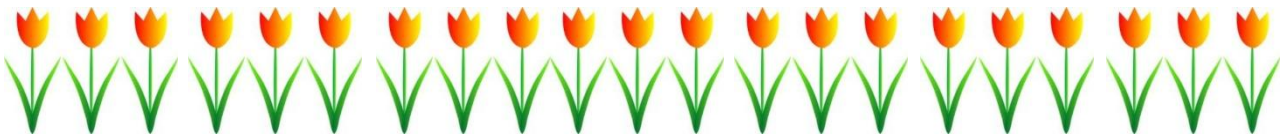


## **A Darnestown Community Meet-Your-Neighbors Reception**

**at Smokey Glen Farm  
16407 Riffleford Road, Darnestown, MD**

***6-8 pm Wednesday, May 7, 2014***

**Serving their world famous barbeque fare  
with all the trimmings, drinks, and dessert!**



**RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>!**

**SEND CHECKS MADE OUT TO DCA TO:**

**LISA PATTERSON, 13925 ESWORTHY ROAD, DARNESTOWN, MD 20874**

**Please list full names of those attending.**

**Nametags will be awaiting you at the door and will serve as your ticket.**

**Full names of those in your group : \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**# Adults @ \$16 each \_\_\_\_\_**

**# Children 3-11 yrs old @ \$10 each \_\_\_\_\_**

**Children under 3 free!**

**Phone # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*NO REFUNDS\*\* PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR!**

## ***Darne Bloomers Garden Club***

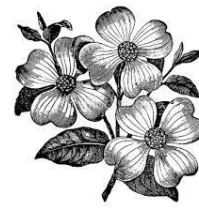


By Merikay Smith with photos by Susan Allaway

We celebrated the holidays with two special Darne Bloomer events. First, Jane Pettit from Brookside Gardens joined us for a holiday topiary hands-on workshop on December 12. She brought many types of evergreens, dried herbs, pine cones, and other natural decorative material for us to use in covering inverted tomato cages to create beautiful topiary trees. The hosts for this event were Tina Calhoun, LuAnne Deppa, Marie Stiles, and Rita Howard. They used natural materials – logs, moss, bulbs, and branches – to create an elegantly inviting atmosphere for our brunch before the workshop.



Words fail to adequately describe the pleasures of our Holiday Open House Tour and Luncheon on Dec. 19. We began at the home of Diane Romney where lovely decorations including a family Christmas tree, nativities, and simple evergreen wreaths linked by red ribbon evoked family holiday traditions. At the home of Lisa Ruf, we were awestruck (literally “awe” and “oh” sounds echoed as we entered): the doorway with matched evergreen-filled urns and fresh fruit valance above; fresh flower bouquets and ribbons festooning the stairs; beautiful orchids and flower bouquets throughout the house, including a fireplace mantel lined with white narcissus in simple glass vases, blooms alternating with bulbs just beginning to bud; a table spread with the finest food surrounding a miniature garden and



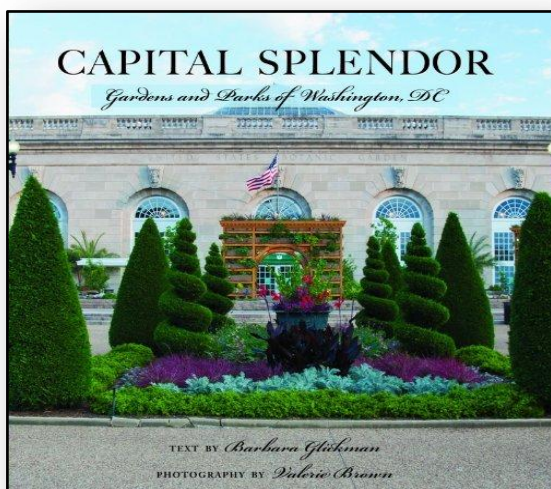
conservatory. It was a pleasure to stroll from room to room discovering creative, interesting, and sometimes simply gorgeous displays. Certainly a holiday event to remember.



Hosts for our January meeting were Barbara Andreassen, Andrea Cone, Carol Gimmel, and Cynthia Keane. Dr. Faith Frankel spoke at our January meeting on “Herbs for Medicinal Healing”. An Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Georgetown University, Dr. Frankel’s professional and family experience combined to make this a particularly interesting and engaging presentation. We feel fortunate to have Faith Frankel as a member of our garden club. After briefly reviewing the 5,000+ year history of herbs being used medicinally, Dr. Frankel reminded us of the need to “proceed with caution” when using herbs and supplements. Fortunately, the National Library of Medicine provides an online resource for learning about the safety and effectiveness of various herbs based on a review of studies applying pharmaceutical standards. The safety and dose information is particularly important as side effects and interactions with other drugs can occur. A specific example is comfrey tea, which may cause cancer. We learned about the effectiveness and safety/dose concerns of a number of specific herbs: garlic, ginger, ginko, green tea, lavender, St. John’s wort, valerian,

echinacea, ginseng, and tea tree oil. To learn more about these and other herbs used for healing, please visit the National Library of Medicine website. Herbs and supplements are listed alphabetically and each links to a page with extensive information. Since more than \$34 Billion is spent in the US each year on alternative treatments, and about 50% of patients are using herbs or supplements, it is worth seeking reliable information before experimenting with our health. That said, there are herbal remedies which can be safe and effective when used properly. Dr. Frankel suggests we plan a visit to the National Library of Medicine's herb garden in Bethesda.

Our February club hosts (Lisa Ruf, Mary Rill, Diane Romney and Heather Zindash) created festive decorations with a Valentine theme using balls of pink carnations. Barbara Glickman, author of *Capital Splendor: The Gardens and Parks of Washington, D.C.* was our guest speaker on February 13. Her presentation featured photographs by Valerie Brown from more than 30 area gardens and parks—from the famous, such as Hillwood or Dumbarton Oaks, to the lesser-known, such as Meadowlark Gardens. (Photos from Glickman's website: sunflowers in July at McKee Beshers, a wildlife management area north of Darnestown off River Road.) In gathering material for her book, Barbara Glickman uncovered many interesting facts and stories about the founding, design, and upkeep of these gardens.



Hosts for our March meeting are Pamela King, Russ and Laura Turner, and Elizabeth Weaver. Our March 13 meeting will feature Merikay Smith speaking on “Less Lawn: More Life” — a particularly appropriate topic for Darnestown with so much of our acreage in turf. Merikay serves on the Board of the Montgomery County Master Gardeners. She also gardens on two acres here in Darnestown - on a property which was almost entirely lawn when her family moved here 11 years ago! Her talk explores the science-based rationale for replacing turf with other plants, particularly native plants. She will also share tips on plant selection and planting techniques, based on experience (another way of saying, lessons learned from mistakes made). The choices we make on our properties are significant. We improve or degrade our environment. Simple choices matter: planting native trees, understory plants, and native ground covers OR maintaining an extensive lawn with fertilizer, herbicides, fossil fuel consumption/air pollution, water runoff, and habitat loss. We are fortunate in Darnestown to still have many pockets of natural areas. With less lawn our properties could become the biologically rich edgelands linking these woods—protecting the air, water, soil and diversity of life here—especially important given our proximity to Seneca Creek and the Potomac River.

Guests are welcome to attend our meetings but should contact our club president, Becky Hanley, in advance (301-330-5437). Generally we meet at the Darnestown Presbyterian Church on each second Thursday of the month beginning at 9 a.m. with a brunch, followed at 10 a.m. by a presentation.





# School News & Events

## **Darnestown Elementary**

By Janet Swisher

As I write this, all of the Darnestown students are enjoying a "SNOW DAY" and anticipating our annual BINGO night and staff raffle. Winter was once again packed with many educational and exciting student activities to include our Science Expo, Pennies for Patients fundraiser, and PTA sponsored after school clubs. Additionally, the students enjoyed a show performed by the Maryland Science Center.

Come join the **DES Music and Arts Night held on March 27 at DES from 6:30-8:30.** You will be surrounded by a gallery of student art work, student music performances, hands-on creative stations, and more. Our **Annual Variety Show, to be held on May 16,** is always a big hit with the parents, grandparents, DES staff members, and students. Witnessing the talent is sure to bring laughter, tears of joy, and many surprises to the audience.

### **Upcoming Calendar of events:**

Music and Arts Night: March 27

Donuts for Darnestown: April 28

Variety Show: May 16

Spring Picnic: June 6

Darnestown Elementary School will hold Kindergarten Orientation for the 2014 – 2015 school year on **Tuesday, May 13, 2014.** Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2014 and their parents should attend orientation. An Early Entrance to Kindergarten application process is available to serve children who will reach five years old between September 2 and October 15, 2014. Parents who seek early entrance consideration for their children should inquire at their home school. Please contact the Main Office at DES for information on registering your child at 301-840-7157.

Enjoy the spring weather and our beautiful community.

## **Calling All Graduating Seniors!**



If you are a Darnestown resident and you are graduating from high school or college in May or June, please let us know!

Send the following information to the Editor at:

[AcornEditor@yahoo.com](mailto:AcornEditor@yahoo.com)

**Deadline: May 1, 2014**

- Your name
- The high school or college from which you are graduating
- Your plans for next year, e.g. the college you plan to attend and your major, the work field you plan to enter, etc.
- Your interests and goals

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### **Quote of the Quarter**

*"You can design and create, and  
build the most wonderful place  
in the world. But it takes people  
to make the dream a reality."*

*~Walt Disney*



## Seneca Academy

By Brooke Carroll, PhD  
Head of School



Seneca Academy held its first annual STEM day and fair on January 24, 2014. The day began with Montgomery County's KID Museum volunteers ([www.kid-museum.org](http://www.kid-museum.org)) leading elementary students (K-5<sup>th</sup>) in learning about circuitry by making paper circuits with copper tape, LED light bulbs and batteries. In the early afternoon, students engaged in hands-on presentations by parent-scientists and learned about topics such as buoyancy/underwater diving, solar powered houses, 200X and computer-linked microscopes, lasers, webpage design, and the chemistry involved in "elephant toothpaste." Students also were able to ride on a homemade hovercraft! In the late afternoon, Seneca Academy held the student STEM fair. Thirty-nine preschool and elementary students (aged 3-12) presented their research findings in science (biology, physics, chemistry and anatomy), engineering, math and psychology. They were reviewed by panels of parents who gave feedback regarding the student work.

The following Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Seneca Academy had a day focused on American Folk Music, lead by Slim Harrison of Sunnyland Music ([www.sunnylandmusic.com](http://www.sunnylandmusic.com)). He began the day with a "concert" for preschool and elementary students where he taught about the international roots of American instruments, played familiar folk songs, and invited children to join him on stage in the band! Slim then held workshops for elementary classes that supported their current units of inquiry. Workshops focused on the science of sound, the creative process, and dance and movement. The whole school came together at the end of the day for a hoedown, where students danced, sang and played instruments.

Seneca Academy is busily preparing for summer camp for preschool ages 3-5 and elementary ages 6-12! Find out more at

[www.SenecaAcademy.org/campseneca.html](http://www.SenecaAcademy.org/campseneca.html)

For information about admissions, please call 301-869-3728 or visit us on the web at [www.SenecaAcademy.org](http://www.SenecaAcademy.org).

## Mary of Nazareth

By Heather Long

### The JOY of Serving Others

*"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."*  
~Luke 12:48

Put Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. At Mary of Nazareth School, this motto is taught in every class throughout the year. Holiday celebrations including Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter are not only focused on goodies and parties, but also on bringing joy to others.

Giving up that hard earned Halloween candy is not always easy for nine and ten year old children. However, encouraged by the fourth grade service project, the students at Mary of Nazareth School donated over 30 pounds of that sugary goodness to a forward-deployed warship in the South Pacific, the USS Spruance. It was shipped to our service men and women overseas along with personalized letters of appreciation from our students in time for Veteran's Day. We also donated boxes of candy to the Fisher House, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda.

"It is important for our entire school community to serve others because it strengthens our relationship with Christ," says Michael Friel, principal of Mary of Nazareth School. "The service projects in which the Mary of Nazareth community participates impact the less fortunate and needy positively, practically, and without

judgment. It is a reminder of our own blessings and a means by which we can serve God.”

Over the years, Project Linus has been a favorite for our fifth grade students and held that same promise this year. Our crafty kids designed fleece blankets to provide comfort and warmth to local children who are seriously ill. “The students were enthusiastic blanketeers as they constructed their no-sew blankets,” said Ms. Janelle Thompson, Mary of Nazareth School fifth grade teacher. The Kindergarten students joined in this year and donated the ten fleece blankets they crafted to A Wider Circle- a Silver Spring based organization dedicated to ending poverty.

Meanwhile, our middle school students were busy collecting items for the Jeanne Jugan Residence, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Their collection consisted of everything from canned goods and paper products to shampoos and batteries. The residence is located in northeast D.C. and serves the elderly poor. A big group of Mary of Nazareth students and parents spent a Saturday morning delivering the items, visiting with residents, and putting on an Irish dance performance.

School wide service projects include the St. Martin’s coat drive, Thanksgiving food drive for St. Martin’s Pantry and Toys for Tots. We will also be collecting ties for A Wider Circle and books for the Purple Heart during Catholic School’s week. Mary of Nazareth School believes that if serving others is taught early, it will lead to a lifetime of shared blessings.



***It's going, going...***

By: Dave Bivans, Highlanders

Gone! Winter that is (or we hope), and its departure makes way for the 2014 Darnestown softball season!

Continuing with last year’s league restructuring, we will field four neighborhood-based co-ed adult teams:

- Western Darnestown,
- Seneca-Highlanders-Berryville,
- Ancient Rollin Mountain Quails, and
- The 2013 defending champions, Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield

We’re looking forward to a full 12-game season with the first pitch in late April and game play continuing to August. As usual, our friendly but competitive challenges of strength, agility, stamina, and flexibility will be contested Sunday afternoons/evenings at our very own local Cliff Bland Park.

Each team continues to look to add to their rosters, particularly to help sustain them during the heavy vacation periods, as well as for the occasional lazy Sunday afternoon game. The League is open to adult homeowners/renters within the general Darnestown boundaries (if you’re receiving *The Little Acorn*, chances are good you are qualified to play). This is a recreational league, mostly for fun, but with some neighborly bragging rights. Playing ability is desired, but not necessary.

So, please give me a call (301-977-4734) or shoot me an e-mail (dnlbivans34@verizon.net) if you are interested in signing on or need additional information.

See you all soon for a fun and successful new season!!



## ***ATTENTION ALL HOUSES OF WORSHIP!***

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# Church News!



## **St. Nicholas Episcopal Church**

By Rev. Ken Howard

### **Events in February and March**

St. Nicholas Church continues to reach out to the community with events in late February and March. Please take a look!

#### **February 23 (Sun) | 5:00-7:00PM | Dedication: Sacred Footprint Interfaith Meditation Space**

On Sunday, February 23, at 5:00pm we dedicated our Sacred Footprint Interfaith Meditation Space with the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington, presiding, followed by a shared supper, and ending with a brief night prayer service with meditations and prayers from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions.

#### **March 4 (Shrove Tuesday) | 6:00-7:00AM | Pancake Supper**

All proceeds benefit youth group activities. Contact: The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson, Missioner for Parish Engagement at [missioner@saintnicks.com](mailto:missioner@saintnicks.com)

#### **March 5 (Ash Wednesday) | 6:30-7:30AM | Ashes to Go at Germantown MARC**

Fr. Ken and others will gather outside the historic Germantown MARC station to distribute ashes.

#### **March 5 (Ash Wednesday) | NOONDAY | Communion and Ashes at the Church**

A traditional noonday Ash Wednesday service with communion and imposition of ashes.

#### **March 5 (Ash Wednesday) | 7:00-8:00pm | Ecumenical**

Ash Wednesday Service (Location TBA)  
An ecumenical service celebrating Ash Wednesday.



#### **March 9-April 13 | Sundays at 6:00PM in Lent | "Holy Ground" - Ancient and Casual Worship**

Night Prayer and Communion - Experience ancient traditions of worship in a casual and friendly atmosphere. Contact: The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson, Missioner for Parish Engagement at [missioner@saintnicks.com](mailto:missioner@saintnicks.com)

#### **April 14-18 | 9:00AM - Noon | "The Good News" - Spring Break Bible Camp**

Holy Week and Spring Break overlap again this year. Children play investigative journalists, reporting on the Good News. \$30 per child. Register online at [Facebook.com/Saintnicks](https://www.facebook.com/Saintnicks). Contact: The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson, Missioner for Parish Engagement at [missioner@saintnicks.com](mailto:missioner@saintnicks.com)

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# Community Interest

## *It's a Darne' Good Cookbook*

DCA cookbooks are now \$10! This is a great deal considering some retailers sell them for over \$20. The recipes and artwork are all contributions from our residents. They make a great hostess and/or birthday gift. Contact me at [lisaapatterson@aol.com](mailto:lisaapatterson@aol.com) to get yours today!

### **Corn Chowder**

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5 slices of bacon  
3 tablespoons bacon drippings  
1 medium onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings  
2 medium potatoes, pared and diced  
1/2 cup water  
1 (17 ounce) can cream-style corn  
2 cups milk  
1 teaspoon salt  
Dash of pepper  
Butter

1. In a large saucepan, cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon, crumble.
2. Reserve 3 tablespoons bacon drippings in saucepan and discard remainder.
3. Add onion slices to saucepan and cook until lightly browned.
4. Add diced potato and water and potato is tender, 10-15 minutes.
5. Add corn, milk, salt, and pepper and cook until heat through.
6. Pour into warmed bowls. Top with crumbled bacon and a pat of butter.



## *Those Who Serve*

Capt. Ryan Swisher (US Army) has been appointed to the faculty at the U. S. Military Academy (West Point).

Capt. Swisher will teach economics starting in the fall semester of 2017 through the spring of 2020. He will participate in the US Army Advanced Civil Schooling program during the 2015- 2016 academic year, where he will earn an MBA from a top academic institution.

Additionally, Capt. Swisher was recently appointed Commander of the Headquarters Company (Roughriders) of Tiger Squadron of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Hood Texas. This is his second command position.

Madeline D'Alessio  
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# Community Interest (continued)

## ***Pepco Update***

By Art Slesinger



Darnestown residents who are living in the Jones Lane area are being fed electricity by feeder number 15238, which originates at the Germantown Rt. 118 substation. There is some bad news buried in this fact. First, these residents are a long way from the substation, so there are many opportunities for disruption. Second, PEPCO and the Public Service Commission track poorly-performing feeders, and 15238 has, until very recently, been one of the worst performing feeders in all of PEPCO-Land.

Things were looking up since, in 2011, extensive vegetation was trimmed back and some new switch gear was installed. However, in recent weeks, we have learned that 15238 is not reliable in extremely cold weather, and hasn't been for a long time. If you have a long memory, you might remember the cold snap of 2010 - 2011 that resulted in similar outage problems. For the last five years, the Darnestown Civic Association has spent considerable time arguing with PEPCO about their responsibility to make necessary improvements. Recently, new dialogue with PEPCO has begun, as clearly the three early morning outages that occurred during the last two weeks of January suggest that PEPCO has neither found nor repaired the problem.

If you desire to stay current with the DCA's efforts regarding PEPCO's responsibility toward the citizens of Darnestown, please email Art Slesinger at [art.slesinger@comcast.net](mailto:art.slesinger@comcast.net) and you will be added to a distribution list. Thank you.



## ***Infrastructure & Environment***

By Art Slesinger

### ***Infrastructure – Power***

PEPCO has once again petitioned the Public Service Commission (PSC) for a rate increase, this one asking for about \$43 million (Case 9336). Keep in mind PEPCO's total revenue is just under \$1 billion, of which over half comes from Montgomery County. Again, the rate increase is to cover current and future efforts. Last year's process (Case 9311) garnered PEPCO about \$12 million for future spending to harden twelve substation feeders. The recent progress reports filed with the PSC do show that both frequency and duration of outages are improving by dropping. Whether they have left the bottom quartile of national performance, I do not know.

Locally, the writer wrote to PEPCO to point out that their resilience report noted that feeder 15238 (supplying Riffleford Road and Jones Lane) was one of the worst 15 feeders in their system, but their future work did not mention feeder 15238. A reply letter suggested they have plans for further work in our area. I will be carefully following those efforts.

This winter, 15238 went through some spasms on three occasions which resulted in a request for explanations from Donna Cooper, President of PEPCO. These three outages occurred on the mornings following the coldest nights of the year and lasted for about four hours. PEPCO is still examining the cause and has offered no corrective action just yet. They have promised the writer a public meeting in our area to discuss the reliability of the feeder. The writer's opinion is that this not a good sign. As of this writing, two weeks have passed since the outages, yet PEPCO still has no concrete understanding of the cause for those outages. This suggests that PEPCO might have done nothing, and that the slightly warmer weather might have been the solution.

### ***Environment – Water***

The most recent environmental issue is the fate of Ten Mile Creek and development in Stage 4 of the Clarksburg Master Plan. Two presentations by Darnestown representatives were made at the County Council public hearing. There are two issues: one is the impact on Ten Mile Creek and the other is the

impact on Little Seneca Lake, which is a backup water supply for about 4 million people in this area. We have opposed the excessive development, as it will in all likelihood destroy the pristine conditions in Ten Mile Creek and severely compromise the water quality in the lake. Previous planning officials, e.g. Royce Hanson, have made it clear to the Council that further development in Stage 4 was never the plan and that consequences are obvious. To mitigate these impacts, the Council directed Planning to come with an alternate plan. The politically expedient proposal by the Planning Board is an unenforceable collection of suggestions which will really not protect either lake or stream. As the writer's testimony emphasized, the compromise had already been made when Stages 1 through 3 of the plan allowed extensive development in the Ten Mile Creek watershed. Both the creek and the lake are already showing some signs of stress. Allowable Stage 4 development should really be almost nothing but the development addicted Council and County authorities will probably cave in; the "moderate" final compromise will be a death knell for the creek and reservoir. Those opposing the baseless compromise have communicated to the County Council, "We drink water and we vote." If you are concerned, you might let the Council know your thoughts. The most recent rumor is that the Council will do nothing until after the June primary vote in order to avoid antagonizing the majority of the voters.

The so-called "rain tax" has raised issues of government spending run amok and the unfair nature of the tax. To clarify, it is not a tax on rain; it is a tax on the runoff from rain and the impact that has on both local waterways and Chesapeake Bay. A little background might be in order.

In 1972 President Nixon signed the Clean Water Act and established the national goal of fishable and swimmable water throughout the country. The EPA was founded to help implement that objective. Over the next 2 decades, the country spent billions on new sewage and industrial waste water treatment plants. In the 1990s, the water quality measurements showed that while there was some improvement, the degree of improvement was surprisingly small. Further analysis showed that indirect sources, mainly storm water runoff from roads, factories and farms, were as big a source of pollutant loads as the piped in, treated sewage. The EPA started to direct efforts to mitigate storm water-derived pollution. Storm water has both a quality impact as well as storm water surge impact.

The surge comes from impervious surfaces like roofs and paved highways. The diversion of this water into local brooks causes massive erosion of the sides and bottom of these streams. In the extreme, you get nothing but tree roots and exposed bed rock, which can support no aquatic life. How bad is it? Go to the head waters of the Muddy Branch and there is a manhole that was once near the surface of the brook and it is now 10 feet above the brook. The bottom has been washed away. This issue is further compounded by older cities (New York, Chicago, DC, etc.) having combined sewage and storm water systems. When the flow of the mixture exceeds the capacity of the treatment plant, the excess is bypassed into the receiving body.



Hence Montgomery County, and the other Maryland counties that are in the Chesapeake water shed, are supposed to control the rain-derived pollutants. To control the storm surge, new developments have holding areas that allow the rain to recharge the ground water and act to buffer the storm flow. Your tax bill shows a Water Quality Protection Charge which has been called the rain tax. Historically commercial properties were not required to address this issue, but they will now. New developments will have expensive subterranean structures to hold and filter the storm water. Your property tax shows this assessment, which reflects the size of your roof and driveway and other impervious surfaces. How that money will be spent to improve water quality remains to be seen, but a massive tunnel is under construction in DC to catch part of the storm surge.



## Notes from the President *Continued from page 1*

The store is subject to an historic preservation easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust. They plan to keep the store true to its heritage. Items in need of replacement must be approved by the Trust, the local Historic Preservation Commission, and the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services. The general store is only a few feet from Darnestown's western border, Seneca Creek, but is viewed by most to be a special part of our history. Come see and hear the PowerPoint presentation to learn more about this exciting project.



Paul Hlavinka with Muddy Branch Alliance (MBA) will also be speaking. Paul is a local resident who started MBA several years ago to educate the public about the value of Muddy Branch and help maintain both the stream and the trail that follows it. The Alliance now has several hundred members and has involved local schools, churches, and government with cleanup projects and testing programs. Muddy Branch is important to Darnestown because it drains the eastern half of our community. Paul will explain the ecology of the stream, how it serves our community, and the issues surrounding it.

We hope many of you will join us at the March Town Meeting to support the DCA, our community and the projects that will have a long lasting positive effect on our lives!

### Annual Tree Lighting

The Annual DCA Tree Lighting took place on December 12<sup>th</sup> at our new Heritage Park. The evening was cold and dark but the hot cocoa and

cookies kept everyone warm. The crowd counted down from 10, and when we hit 1, the lights on the tree turned on and a cheer went up from the crowd!

Santa parked his invisible reindeer and sleigh in the Harris Teeter parking lot and joined the anxiously awaiting children and adults. He brought a bag of candy canes to share and patiently listened as many whispered their holiday wishes into his ear. A big thanks to Billy Herrington for his help arranging with Santa to join us. We know it is a busy time of year and appreciate that the North Pole elves allowed him to participate!





## Notes from the President *Continued from page 19*

### Brookmead's Rockin' Tree

One of the perks to being President of the DCA is getting to know our neighborhood communities and the people in them. Brookmead, located just off 118, is one of Darnestown's wonderful neighborhoods. Residents Shannon Meyers and Sei-Hee Arie have been instrumental in creating a fun, caring, and active community. They have organized such events as a "couch to 5K" running club and monthly "Bunco" group. Their latest endeavor takes the cake! They invited their neighborhood to participate in a take on the White House Christmas Tree, where the different states are represented and brought together, but instead, asked each of their neighbors and friends to contribute an ornament that represents them in some way, to be displayed on an evergreen in their front yard. The neighborhood obliged and the outcome was nothing short of spectacular! I wonder what will come from Shannon and Sei-Hee next?







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## Darnestown Directory

Every two years, the DCA publishes a community directory of residents' names, addresses and phone numbers, and mails the directory to every residential address in our database.

The 2013 edition is currently available! To obtain a copy of the Directory, call Sarah Scherer at 240-683-8533 or email her at [sarahscherer@comcast.net](mailto:sarahscherer@comcast.net). *Directories are only available while supplies last.*

Organizations, Clubs, Groups, PTAs, etc., provide much of the social interaction that give any area its sense of community.

### ***Below is a list of these groups:***

#### **Barnesville School**

21830 Peach Tree Road  
Barnesville, MD 20838  
301-972-0341  
John Huber, Head of School

#### **Boy Scout Troop 1094**

Scoutmaster Michael Joyce  
(301-977-0526)  
[sm@troop1094.org](mailto:sm@troop1094.org)

#### **Brownies & Junior**

**Girl Scouts**  
Cathy Sharpe (301-519-9520)

#### **Butler Montessori**

15951 Germantown Road  
Laura Manack, Head of School  
(301-977-6600)

#### **Circle School/Seneca Academy**

15601 Germantown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Dr. Brooke Carroll, Head of School  
(301-869-3728)

#### **Darne Bloomers Garden Club**

Becky Hanley, President  
(301-330-5437)  
Barbara Andreassen Membership  
(301-330-4485)

#### **Darnestown Civic Association**

14132B Darnestown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Lisa Patterson-Troike, President  
(301-548-0999)

#### **Darnestown Elementary School**

15030 Turkey Foot Road  
Darnestown, MD 20878  
Laura Colgary, Principal  
(301-840-7157)

#### **Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club**

P. O. Box 3574  
Darnestown, MD 20885  
Dave Hardy, General Manager,  
[davidhardy27@hotmail.com](mailto:davidhardy27@hotmail.com)  
(301-330-9616)

#### **Friends of the Library-Quince Orchard Chapter**

Membership, (Vacant)

#### **Jones Lane Elementary School**

15110 Jones Lane  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Carole Sample, Principal  
(301-840-8160)

#### **Lakelands Park Middle School**

1200 Main Street  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Deborah Higdon, Principal  
(301-670-1400)

#### **Mary of Nazareth School**

14131 Seneca Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Michael J. Friel, Principal  
(301-869-0940)

#### **Quince Orchard Community Library**

Quince Orchard Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
(240-777-0200)

#### **Northwest High School**

12501 Richter Farm Road  
Germantown, MD 20874  
Lance Dempsey, Principal  
301- 601-4660)

#### **Quince Orchard High School**

15800 Quince Orchard Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Ms. Carole Working, Principal  
(301-840-4686)

#### **Ridgeview Middle School**

16600 Raven Rock Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Mrs.  
Monifa McKnight, Principal  
(301-840-4770)

#### **Trout Unlimited**

Seneca Valley Chapter, #369  
website:  
[www.senecavalleytu.org](http://www.senecavalleytu.org)  
Charles August, Secretary  
[cсаugust@comcast.net](mailto:cсаugust@comcast.net)  
(240-401-8669)

**[www.darnestowncivic.org](http://www.darnestowncivic.org)**



# Darnestown Civic Association 2014 Membership Form



## *Darnestown Civic Association – 2014 Membership Form*

Make check payable to Darnestown Civic Association (DCA), and mail to:  
Darnestown Civic Association, 15711 Pagano Lane, Darnestown, MD 20874

Dues \$35 \_\_\_\_ Friend \$50 \_\_\_\_ Sponsor \$100 \_\_\_\_ Acorn \$150 \_\_\_\_ (For this level check: Wine \_\_\_\_ or Cookbook \_\_\_\_)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Include e-mail address only if you would like to receive  
mass e-mails from DCA regarding important community happenings and alerts

☐ New Home/address in Darnestown      ☐ Moved to existing address in Darnestown

Not sure if you have paid already?

Contact the Membership Chairman or Jean Jurgena - Membership Database Chair listed on page 2 of this issue



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